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Docket #: R.19-02-012

CPUC TO HOLD PUBLIC WORKSHOP ON TNC ACCESS FOR ALL ACT

SAN FRANCISCO, April 17, 2019 - The California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC), as part of its implementation of the TNC Access for All Act, will hold a public workshop in Los Angeles to receive input on how best to provide wheelchair accessible vehicle service and learn of accessibility issues related to app-based transportation network companies (TNC) service.

WHAT: Workshop on TNC Access for All Act

WHEN: Thursday, May 2, 2019, 11:30 a.m. – 5 p.m.

WHERE:

- CPUC Los Angeles Hearing Room, 320 W. 4th St., Los Angeles, CA 90013
- Also available via WEBEX at <https://centurylinkconferencing.webex.com>, meeting number 712 323 613, passcode R1902012
- Also available via listen-only call-in number at 1-877-820-7831, passcode 398629

BACKGROUND:

On February 21, 2019, the CPUC opened proceeding R.19-02-012 to implement Senate Bill (SB) 1376 (Hill, 2018), which seeks to provide service accessible to persons with disabilities through the online-enabled applications of TNCs, such as Uber and Lyft, with a primary focus on users who need a wheelchair accessible vehicle (WAV). WAVs not only accommodate fold-up wheelchairs that fit in the trunk or back seat of a vehicle, but must have ramps, lifts, and adequate space to accommodate users who cannot leave their wheelchairs during a trip. The goal of the CPUC's proceeding is to increase access for disabled persons, including wheelchair users.



This workshop is intended to continue the process of developing and refining a shared understanding of accessibility issues related to app-based TNC service that have been raised by stakeholders, including disability advocates. Consistent with SB 1376, this rulemaking would place California as, “a national leader in the deployment and adoption of on-demand transportation options for person with disabilities.”

While a quorum of Commissioners and/or their staff may attend, no official action will be taken.

Documents related to the proceeding are available at:

https://apps.cpuc.ca.gov/apex/f?p=401:56:0::NO:RP,57,RIR:P5_PROCEEDING_SELECT:R1902012

Written comments on the proceeding may be submitted to: CPUC Public Advisor, 505 Van Ness Ave., San Francisco, CA 94102, or via email to public.advisor@cpuc.ca.gov. Please refer to proceeding number R.19-02-012 on any written or email correspondence about this proceeding. All public comments received are provided to the CPUC’s Commissioners and the Administrative Law Judge assigned to the case.

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